GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2609
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CONSTRUCTION OF RASIAWAT KHURDA LOTAN DAM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any controversy between India and Nepal over the construction of the Rasiawat-Khurda-Lotan Dam on the Danav river close to international border;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir.

Construction of a link bund between Lotan and Rasiawat villages of Siddharthnagar District of Uttar Pradesh, to address the problem of flooding in the area, was initiated in November, 2000. About 1.8 Kms of this bund which is 2.2 meters in height has already been completed. The link bund has also provision for six regulators to ensure that no excess water accumulation takes place on the Nepalese side.

The Government of Nepal conveyed its concern regarding alleged inundation in bordering areas of Nepal as a result of the bund. Construction of the bund was suspended in July this year to enable officials of the two sides to discuss the issue. Technical experts of the two sides have since met and exchanged useful technical information and the discussions are continuing.